

November 15, 2022 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

President Davis called the Special Meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. at the Empire Township Hall. Upon a roll call, Council members Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer and Rademacher were present.

REDEVELOPMENT READY COMMUNITY FELLOW APPLICATION

Bacon described the required training and necessary steps to move forward with the fellow application. While completing the training courses by the application deadline is possible, a baseline assessment is still needed to qualify for the “engaged” status requirement on the application. Representatives from MEDC and CEDAM had stated that it was too early for the Village of Empire to make this application. Concerns were raised regarding lack of office space to host the fellow and the time involved for office staff to complete the necessary training. Rademacher noted that many of the communities who have received the RRC fellow are considerably larger than Empire. Dye stated that she has completed the training. There was consensus to hold off on applying for the fellow, but to continue with training and track this funding opportunity in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT – Davis stated the necessity of following the Rules of Procedure, the value of having different points of view and the importance of representing the needs of the entire community.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:15 p.m.

Alacia Acton

Empire Village Deputy Clerk

These minutes were approved at the December 8, 2022, Regular Council meeting.